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Application of: Douglas Quong

CPA of Serial Number: 09/425,636

Filed: March 6, 2002

Title: Active Material Within Hydrogel Microbeads

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For: ACTIVE MATERIAL WITHIN HYDROGEL MICROBEADS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 10, 2002.
Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following
amendments and remarks.

Remarks

Enclosed is a copy of a Preliminary Amendment that was first transmitted to the USPTO by facsimile on March 29, 2002 (confirmations of transmission/receipt also enclosed). Upon receipt of the instant Office Action, it appeared that the Examiner had not considered the Preliminary Amendment, and, in a telephone inquiry, the Examiner confirmed that she had not seen it. The Preliminary Amendment was then re-transmitted to the USPTO on May 23, 2002 (confirmation enclosed). Since no other communications have been received in the interim, Applicant is now re-submitting the Preliminary Amendment (incorporated

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by reference herein) in official response to the instant Office Action, as the Preliminary Amendment is believed to fully address the Examiner's concerns.

Concluding Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of Applicant's claims are respectfully solicited. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any remaining issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 733-1189.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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